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UPKEEP AND PRESERVATION OF MONASTERIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of tourists visiting monasteries has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received reports that a number of monasteries are not maintained properly, particularly in Ladakh; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken for their upkeep and preservation?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) Details of numbers of visitors to centrally protected monasteries are not available as they are managed by local management committees and are not ticketed by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(c)&(d) Archaeological Survey of India has not received such reports. The monasteries declared as monuments of national importance are maintained, conserved and preserved by way of need based structural repairs, subject to availability of resources.